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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Request for Authorization to Hire Consultant(s) and Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate Agreements with a Consultant(s) to Conduct Hearings and Coordinate Work for the Promulgation of Administrative Rules and Procedures as Required by the "Hawaii Dam and Reservoir Safety Act of 2007", Chapter 179D HRS – Dams and Reservoirs

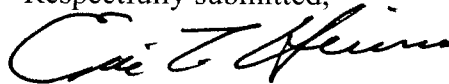
Chapter 179D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, entitled the Dam and Reservoir Safety Act of 2007. The purpose of Chapter 179D is to provide for the inspection and regulation of construction, operation, and removal of certain dams and reservoirs in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State by reducing the risk of failure of such dams. Section 179D-9, directs the Department to adopt the necessary administrative rules not later than one and one half year after July 1, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources approve the following:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to adopt interim emergency administrative rules for Chapter 179D HRS as deemed necessary.
2. Authorize and direct the Chairperson, to negotiate and execute agreements to retain a consultant or consultants to conduct hearings and coordinate work for the promulgation of administrative rules and procedures as directed by the "Hawaii Dam and Reservoir Safety Act of 2007".

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



for LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson

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